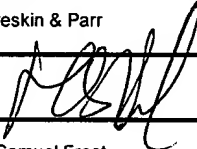


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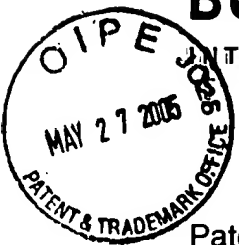
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## Request for Certificate of Correction

Sir:

Please correct the above-identified patent as follows:

### Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

Claim 1. A manifold for a fuel cell system, comprising:

a manifold body;

a plurality of first ports in the manifold body, for connecting to fuel cell peripherals;

a plurality of second ports in the manifold body, for connecting to a fuel cell stack comprising a plurality of fuel cells and having inlets and outlets for connection to the second ports; and

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a plurality of fluid passages within the manifold providing communication between respective ones of the first ports and respective ones of the second ports, wherein at least one first port is offset from the respective second ~~part~~port and is connected to said respective second port by a ~~passage~~passage extending transversely within the manifold body, whereby, in use, the fluid passages communicate fluids between the fuel cell stack and fuel cell peripherals.

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

Claim 2. A manifold for a fuel cell system as claimed in claim 1,

a manifold body;

a plurality of first ports in the manifold body, for connecting to fuel cell peripherals;

a plurality of second ports in the manifold body, for connecting to a fuel cell stack comprising a plurality of fuel cells and having inlets and outlets for connection to the second ports; and

a plurality of fluid ~~passages~~passages within the manifold providing communication between respective ones of the first ports and respective ones of the second ports, wherein at least one first port is offset from the respective second ~~part~~port and is connected to said respective second port by a passage extending transversely within the manifold body, whereby, in use, the fluid ~~passages~~passages communicate fluids between the fuel cell stack and fuel cell peripherals,

wherein the manifold body comprises a plurality of layers juxtaposed together, wherein each layer has a plurality of ports and a plurality of fluid passages providing communication between the respective ones of the plurality of ports of the corresponding layer, wherein complementary pairs of ports align and face one another and at least one layer forms an external layer including at least one of said first and second ports.

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

Claim 4. A manifold for a fuel cell system as claimed in claim 3, wherein the said third plate layer further comprises a plurality of plate layers—, each of which has a plurality of ports and a plurality of fluid passages providing communication between the ports thereof, with said plurality of ports of each plate layer of the third plate layer being aligned with and in communication with the corresponding ports of an adjacent plate layer.

**REMARKS**

The errors occurring in claim 1, lines 24 and 25; claim 2, lines 38, 42 and 44; and claim 4, line 5 all occurred in the USPTO, and note various corrections of "part" to "port" in the Examiner's amendment of May 18, 2004. Applicant submits that correction of these errors will not introduce new matters or require re-examination, and are entirely consistent with the rest of the specification.

A Certificate of Correction is being filed concurrently herewith.

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### CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent are hereby corrected as shown below:

In claim 1, line 23: replace "part" with --port--;  
In claim 1, line 24: replace "passape" with --passage--;  
In claim 2, line 37: replace "passapes" with --passages--;  
In claim 2, line 41: replace "part" with --port--;  
In claim 2, line 43: replace "oassaaes" with --passages--; and  
In claim 4, line 5: replace "layers-," with --layers,--.

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